

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2017-28-S

Application of Synergy Utilities, L.P. for Approval of Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

Synergy Utilities, LP (Synergy or the Company) has filed an Application for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Sewer Service with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission). As a public utility defined by S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10(4), the Company was formed as a result of the merger of assets of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands) and Development Service, Inc. (DSI). Although Synergy was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a public utility by Commission Order No. 2017-49, the rates for Synergy's Midlands customers and DSI customers were not affected by Order No. 2017-49.

According to the Application, the proposed rates and charges represent an increase in sewer revenues of approximately \$232,590 or 21.03%.

The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A. In the instant Application, Synergy proposes to maintain separate rate schedules for its DSI and Midlands customers. The Company has established Service Territory 1 for the former customers of DSI and Service Territory 2 for the former customers of Midlands. As justification for the proposed rate increase, Synergy states, among other things, that the rate adjustment is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers; cover its expenses; be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment; attract capital for future improvements; allow the Company to comply with the standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control; and promote continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing**, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order No. 2017-750, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, before the Public Service Commission at the Orangeburg City Council Building, Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115.

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. To testify as a public witness, you must provide your name legibly on the Sign-In Sheet available at the hearing location, and indicate that you wish to testify. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case, subject to objection by the parties.

Please note that the commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding this Application; however, the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the commissioners from answering questions regarding this Application or discussing this case with you individually.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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